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SUBJ: NATIONAL ASSEMBLY: PHAN KHA SUU AND HA THUC KY FILE CANDIDACIES

1. NA SECGEN NGO THANH TUNG INFORMS US THAT PHAN KHAC SUU AND HA THUC KY HAVE ALREADY FILED THEIR CANDIDACIES WITH NA SECRETARIAT.

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2. AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED, SUU'S RUNNING MATE IS DREM PHAN QUANG DAN. ACCORDING TO TUNG, HA THUC KY'S RUNNING MATE IS SOUTHERNER NGUYEN VAN DINH (NOT TO BE CONFUSED WITH NA 2ND VICE CHAIRMAN WHO HAS SAME NAME).

3. DINH, 62, IS WEALTHY SOUTHERN CATHOLIC MINING ENGINEER AND CIVIL SERVANT. HE SERVEDUS DIEM'S SECRETARY OF STATE FOR PUBLIC WORKS AND COMMMUNICATIONS FROM 1961 TO 1963. TO BEST OF OUR KNOWLEDGE DINH HAS NO SIGNIFICANT POPULAR FOLLOWING, ALTHOUGH HE DOES BRING REGIONAL BALANCE TO HA THUC KY'S TICKET. KY IS FROM CENTRAL VIET NAM.

4. FAOT THAT SUU AND KY HAVE FILED THEIR CANDIDACIES IS NOT YET PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE HERE. BUNKER
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